

Regarding: Docket 05-235, Proposed Changes to Morse Code Requirement

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the FCC's proposed rule changes to provide for greater access to the Amateur Service through the removal of the Morse code requirement for frequencies under 30 MHz.

Licensees opposed to this rule change cite emergency communication as a reason to retain the requirement. What this objection ignores, however, are the incentives for hams to operate in the first place. Technician-class operators understand that they may not be able to communicate with total efficiency on the CW bands in an emergency situation, but they are still better equipped than a non-ham with only a CB or FRS transceiver. Hams without code proficiency are still valuable members of the country's homeland defense.

The law already provides for unlicensed and power-intensive transmissions if they are on an emergency basis; licensing restrictions are of no importance in the most dire of circumstances.

Americans understand the concept of personal responsibility and choice. Amateurs will still have to prove their technical competence and understanding of the FCC rules to operate, and this change will not bring any additional interference with those who continue to choose CW as an operating mode.

I urge your adoption of the rule change.

Respectfully yours,

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